Natural Resource Consultants

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Mr. Troy Valenzuela
Stocker Resources, Inc.
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Subject: Addendum to the Biological Resources Evaluation of a Proposed Peaker Power Plant Project on the Stocker Resources, Inc. Inglewood Property, Located in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Valenzuela:

Natural Resource Consultants (NRC) prepared biological resources evaluation for an approximately 2-acre Peaker Power Plant Project site located on the Stocker Resources Inc. Inglewood property. This letter provides an addendum to NRC's original biological evaluation and responds to comments provided to Stocker Resources Inc. by the California Energy Commission.

The proposed 2-acre power plant site on the Inglewood property will be referred to as the site. The site occurs in the Baldwin Hills east of La Cienega Boulevard and north of Lincoln Avenue in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. Active oil field operations and a matrix of disturbed lands and fragments of native and non-native vegetation surround the site.

NRC's biologists, Mr. Michael Couffer and Mr. David Levine conducted a site survey on May 2, 2001 to describe the biological conditions on site and adjacent to the site. During this field investigation NRC's biologists evaluated surrounding land use to determine potential constraints and opportunities for linear facilities associated with construction and operation of the proposed power plant.

The areas adjacent to the site include unpaved access roads, disturbed areas, and developed pads. Specifically, disturbed and developed areas occur to the north, south, east, and west of the site (see unhatched attached exhibit). Any above-ground construction or excavation for linear facilities within these areas would not result in direct or indirect impacts to biological resources.

In addition to these disturbed areas NRC documented the presence of several patches of disturbed coastal sage scrub occurring to the north, east, and west of the proposed site. These patches are fragmented and, based on the surrounding disturbances, are of low habitat value. The location of these patches is shown as hatched areas on the attached exhibit.

The scrub vegetation on the Inglewood site is dominated by California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), and coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*). Other native and non-native plant species occurring at lower densities within this community include Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*), castor bean (*Ricinus communis*), mustard (*Brassica* sp.), mule fat (*Baccharis*

salicifolia), and deer weed (*Lotus scoparius*). These areas intermix with ruderal (weedy) plant species and annula grasslands. No sensitive plant or wildlife species were observed or are anticipated in these areas.

Recommendations For Siting and Construction of Linear Facilities

Based on the documented vegetation types surrounding the site, the following recommendations apply to sighting and construction of linear facilities on the Inglewood property.

1. Should linear facilities be required at the proposed power plant site, all efforts should be made to site the facilities in disturbed or developed areas as identified on the attached exhibit. Construction and operation of the proposed linear facilities in these areas would not result in any impacts to biological resources.

2. Should construction of linear facilities require removal of disturbed coastal sage scrub vegetation adjacent to the proposed power plant site, it is unlikely to adversely affect any sensitive plant or wildlife species. However, prior to disturbance of vegetation, the project biologist should identify locations for these facilities that will minimize vegetation removal. In addition, the project biologist should monitor construction to ensure vegetation removal does not affect any sensitive biological resource. The project biologist should have full authority to halt any action that may affect sensitive plant and wildlife species.

If you have questions or comments pertaining to any material provided in this letter report please contact me directly at 949.497.0931.

Sincerely,

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSULTANTS

David A. Levine

Attached: Site Exhibit

La Cienega Blvd.
Proposed Site
Sunset Blvd.